



# Warwick Rural West Update

February 2021

All the latest from your **Safer  
Neighbourhood Team**



All the latest about what we are doing and what is going on in and around your home and area.

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## From the Sergeant – Danielle Bristow



Hello and welcome to this month's newsletter! I thought it would be helpful to go back to basics this month and explain a little more about what the role of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) is and what we can do for you.

Our ethos is 'Engaging communities, solving problems together.' SNTs work with the public and other agencies to build a confident, safe and secure neighbourhood where police and partners understand the issues that matter to communities and tackle them together.

It is about tackling crime intelligently, focussing on the most vulnerable and reducing threat, harm and risk by building relationships between the police and the public. It enables local people to be part of the solution to the issues that affect their lives and neighbourhoods. We aim to provide access to policing services and enable communities to influence over policing activity in their neighbourhood. We take a structured problem-solving approach alongside joint actions with partner agencies to provide sustainable solutions.

There are 33 SNT's across Warwickshire - these teams have geographically defined areas of responsibility, resourced with mixed teams including a combination of Sergeants, Constables, Special Constables, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Police Support Volunteers. Understanding communities is an essential element of Neighbourhood policing so get in touch and keep an eye on our social media platforms for upcoming virtual community engagement events! Stay safe 😊

Your Beat Manager is **PC Jo Whittaker** who is responsible to me for ensuring the Policing Priorities are delivered and that the Safer Neighbourhood Team is fully engaged with the community it polices. Please drop us a line by email or call us by telephone and leave a message and the team will get back to you concerning any issues you may have. See page 3 for all the details on how you can contact your SNT.



**Warwick Rural West  
Safer Neighbourhood  
Team (SNT) Update**

**How to keep up with Warwick Central Safer Neighbourhood Team**

We are on Twitter: [@WarwickCops](#)

We are on Facebook: [Warwick Police](#)

## Out and about with Warwick Rural West SNT

This month the team have been doing work around County lines, cuckooing and drug problems in and around our area.

We're asking the public to be on the lookout for signs of drug dealing.

Cuckooing is the term used to describe the actions of gangs who travel to towns and take over the homes of vulnerable people in order to deal drugs.

County Lines is where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries, usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into it by gangs.

The 'County Line' is the mobile phone line used to take the orders of drugs. Areas where the drugs are taken to are reporting increased levels of violence and weapon-related crimes as a result of this trend.

If you have any information that could help police tackle county lines drug crime please call 101 or report it on our website: [www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)

Alternatively you can report anonymously to Crimestoppers.

## Update on our priorities

We have emailed our local parish councils asking for suggestions for the new priorities in the areas which are of concern so they can be placed on the list for voting.

In order to vote for which area of concern is most important to you please follow the Slido link <https://app.sli.do/event/p5fkz9n4/live/polls> The link will also be distributed to your local parish councils to be cascaded.

The priorities up for vote this month will be:

Crime reduction Patrols at Tourist attractions

ASB/drug prevention patrols

Deal with cross border offences and suspicious activity in Rural areas.

Community engagement high Visibility

Speed Checks at all locations

Inconsiderate parking around the country roads.



**Warwickshire Police  
Update**

**Details about your  
Safer Neighbourhood Team**

The Warwick Central SNT Area covers  
**Barford, Beausale, Baddesley Clinton, Bishops  
Tachbrook, Budbrooke, Chadwick End,  
Hampton on the Hill, Hampton Magna, Haseley,  
Hatton, Hatton Park, Haseley Knob, Hill  
Wootton, Honiley, Norton Lindsey, Lapworth,  
Leek Wootton, Little Shrewley, Lawsonford,  
Pinley Green, Sherbourne, Shrewley Common,  
Shrewley, Rowington, Wasperton & Wroxall**

How to contact Warwick Central SNT  
By email;  
**[www.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:www.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)**

By telephone: **01926 684397**

Sign up for Community Messages at:

**[www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)**

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PCSO Marie Gisbourne-Hanks**

**Warwick Rural  
East  
SNT**

**Warwick  
Central  
SNT**

**Kenilworth  
SNT**

**Monthly Message from Beat Manager PC Jo Whittaker**

I would like to start by thanking our communities for continuing to follow government covid rules as we continue fight the Virus.

We as the safer neighbourhood team have had a busy month, you have hopefully seen us out conducting speed gun checks in the rural areas following reports of speeding.

I have been working with the council and putting up signs following reports of Nitrous oxide canisters being found and an increase in drug use in the local villages.

This month there appears to have been a small increase in outbuilding breaks in rural areas. Items targeted are quad bikes/sit on mowers and tools. We have received reports of properties being marked by red paint dots, before being targeted. Please be vigilant and report ANY suspicious activity.

Following reports of vehicle crime a 28-year-old woman has been sent to prison for nine months after admitting to a series of vehicle crimes.

The offender was identified from CCTV footage and so we wanted to say thank you to those of you that sent through any footage that you had. If you have CCTV or a doorbell camera and pick up an offence or attempted offence then by sending in the footage you can help piece together the movements and offending behaviour. It is imperative to the overall investigation to receive these bits of information, so as insignificant as it seems, please don't dismiss it! If you are ever unsure – please get in touch.

**Best wishes – PC Jo Whittaker**



**Warwick Rural  
West  
Community Update**

**DOG THEFTS ON THE INCREASE  
CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE**

We understand there are concerns being voiced by our communities, particularly on social media, around dogs being stolen. Inspector Allison Wiggin, force lead for Rural Crime, said: "This month, we've had two reported dog thefts and one attempted, which have involved both pet and working dogs. Enquiries are currently ongoing with those investigations.

"We've also seen a small increase in reports of suspected suspicious behaviour (relating to dogs), which may be due to increased vigilance from owners. While these reports can sometimes turn out to be innocent, we would still rather be made aware. So if you do see or hear anything you feel is suspicious, please do let us know.

"We never underestimate the devastating impact the theft of a cherished pet can be to both the owner and the animal, and while it is still a rare crime, it's sadly something we are seeing an increase in nationally.

"We are doing all we can to prevent offences and investigate those which have taken place. Please see our advice and if you do see any suspicious activity, report it to us."

**Advice:**

- Ensure your dog is microchipped, your contact details are up to date and they have an ID tag.
- Have clear photos of your dog/s showing any identifiable marks, in case you need them for identification purposes.
- Do not leave your dog tied up outside a shop or unattended in a car.
- If you do let your dog off a lead, keep them close to you, always within sight and ensure they have good recall.
- Ensure your property is secure and do not leave your dog unattended in the garden.
- Vary where you walk, including the times and locations.
- Be careful what you post on social media, especially if you have puppies, and ensure your privacy settings are up-to-date.
- Consider a GPS tracker collar.
- If you are thinking of buying a dog, ensure it is from a reputable breeder or centre. If you are buying a dog online or through social media, please consider where the pet has come from and ensure that it is being purchased legally.

The [Blue Cross](#) website has a wide range of advice on how to prevent theft of dogs and steps to take if this happens.